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Notice of Public Comment

January 9, 2026

**The Ford Meter Box Company Inc
169-49696-00003 & 169-49847-00003**

To: Interested Parties:

You are receiving this notice because you asked to be on IDEM's notification list for this company and/or county; or because your property is nearby the company being permitted; or because you represent a local/regional government entity. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, invites your comments on the draft air permit.

Enclosed is a Notice of Public Comment, which has posted on IDEM's Public Notice website at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>.

The application and supporting documentation for this proposed permit have been placed at the library indicated in the Notice. These documents more fully describe the project, the applicable air pollution control requirements and how the applicant will comply with these requirements.

If you would like to comment on this draft permit, please contact the person named in the enclosed Public Notice. Thank you for your interest in the Indiana's Air Permitting Program.

Please Note: *If you would like to be removed from the Air Permits mailing list, please contact Joanne Smiddie-Brush with the Air Permits Administration Section at 1-800-451-6027, ext. 3-0185 or via e-mail at JBRUSH@IDEM.IN.GOV. If you have recently moved and this Notice has been forwarded to you, please notify us of your new address and if you wish to remain on the mailing list. Mail that is returned to IDEM by the Post Office with a forwarding address in a different county will be removed from our list unless otherwise requested.*

Enclosure
PN Interested Parties Cover Letter 1/13/2025

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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Preliminary Findings Regarding a Significant Modification to a Part 70 Operating Permit

for The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. in Wabash County

Significant Source Modification No.: 169-49696-00003
Significant Permit Modification No.: 169-49847-00003

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., located at 775 Manchester Avenue and 50 Ringel Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992, for a significant modification of its Part 70 Operating Permit issued on July 30, 2025. If approved by IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ), this proposed modification would allow The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. to make certain changes at its existing source. The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. has applied to make the following modifications:

- The addition of the following new emission units:
 - one additional mold line (HMM-04);
 - one additional ladle (LC-XX5); and
 - a cold box core making unit (CM-18) to the captive brass foundry at the 50 Ringel Avenue location.
 - These units will be aggregated as part of the original construction project permitted in Significant Source Modification No. 169-47444-00003. Calculations have been submitted that show that, even with the addition of these units, the original project modification would not have been major because the emissions increase of each PSD regulated pollutant was less than the PSD major source threshold.
- Modifying existing permit limits in order to transition from a PSD Major source to a PSD Minor source.

The applicant intends to construct and operate new equipment that will emit air pollutants; therefore, the permit contains new or different permit conditions. In addition, some conditions from previously issued permits/approvals have been corrected, changed, or removed. These corrections, changes, and removals may include Title I changes (e.g., changes that add or modify synthetic minor emission limits). IDEM has reviewed this application and has developed preliminary findings, consisting of a draft permit and several supporting documents, which would allow the applicant to make this change.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings have been sent to:

Wabash Carnegie Public Library
188 W Hill St
Wabash, IN 46992

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at: <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/>.

A copy of the application and preliminary findings is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) located at <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/>. Once you have accessed VFC, you will then have the option to search for source related documents using a variety of criteria. To find

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documents related to this air permit, click on "Advanced Search", specify "OAQ" in the Program search field, specify the five-digit permit number "49847" or the five-digit source modification number "49696" in the Permit # search field, then click the Search button at the top or bottom of the webpage.

How can you participate in this process?

This notice is posted on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). The date that this notice is posted on IDEM's website marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period. If the 30th day of the comment period falls on a day when IDEM offices are closed for business, all comments must be postmarked or delivered in person on the next business day that IDEM is open.

You may request that IDEM hold a public hearing about this draft permit by sending a written request to IDEM at the address below. If adverse comments concerning the **air pollution impact** of this draft permit are received, with a request for a public hearing, IDEM will decide whether or not to hold a public hearing. IDEM could also decide to hold a public meeting instead of, or in addition to, a public hearing. If IDEM decides to conduct a public hearing and/or public meeting, IDEM will post a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of that public hearing and/or public meeting on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). At a hearing, you would have an opportunity to submit written comments and make verbal comments. At a meeting, you would have an opportunity to submit written comments, ask questions, and discuss any air pollution concerns with IDEM staff.

Comments and supporting documentation, or a request for a public hearing should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. If you comment via e-mail, please include your full U.S. mailing address so that you can be added to IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit. If you do not want to comment at this time, but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to permit number SPM 169-49847-00003 and SSM 169-49696-00003 in all correspondence.

Comments should be sent to:

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IDEM, Office of Air Quality
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 13W
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251
(800) 451-6027, ask for Tamera Wessel
Or dial directly: (317) 234-8530
Fax: (317) 232-6749 attn: Tamera Wessel
E-mail: twessel@idem.IN.gov

In order to notify you of our final decision regarding this permitting action, your U.S. mailing address must be submitted with all comments.

All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor, or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials.

For additional information about air permits and how the public and interested parties can participate, refer to the IDEM Air Permits page on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/airpermit/public-participation/>; and the Citizens' Guide to IDEM on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>.

What will happen after IDEM makes a decision?

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied. If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the addresses indicated above and will also be sent to the local library indicated above.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamera Wessel of my staff at the above address.



Heath Hartley, Section Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality

